## REMARKS

The foregoing claims were the subject of a restriction requirement in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/774,344. Since the subject matter of these claims were previously identified as being allowable, the applicant submits that the new claims are likewise allowable and requests that the examiner pass the application to allowance.

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